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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: COFRENTES NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

REF: STATE 68579

1. EMBASSY LEARNED MARCH 21 FROM JOSE LUIS HERNANDEZ VARELA, HIDROELECTRICA ESPANOLA PROJECT MANAGER FOR COFRENTES PLANT, THAT WORK HAS NOT BEEN HALTED ON PROJECT. DELAY IN LETTING CONTRACT FOR MECHANICAL WORK (INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF INTERNAL PARTS OF REACTOR) HAS BEEN DUE TO IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR THIS WORK BY SPANISH COMPANY. HERNANDEZ VARELA SAID THAT ONLY ABOUT FIFTY PER CENT OF WORKERS ARE PRESENT THIS WEEK BUT HE CLAIMED THIS WAS DUE TO USUAL EASTER WEEK ABSENTEEISM (MARCH 23 AND 24 ARE SPANISH HOLIDAYS).

2. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR VISITED COFRENTES PLANT ON FEBRUARY 8, WORK ON THE PLANT APPEARED TO BE IN FULL PROGRESS. AT THAT TIME HERNANDEZ VARELA AND OTHER HIDROELECTRICA OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY DID NOT EXPECT ANY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS DUE TO ANTI-NUCLEAR OR OTHER POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES. HERNANDEZ VARELA CONFIRMED
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THIS ON MARCH 21, STATING THAT RECENT ACTIONS AGAINST THE LEMONIZ PLANT NEAR BILBAO, INCLUDING MARCH 17 BOMBING, ARE NOT EXPECTED TO EFFECT COFRENTES WORK.
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